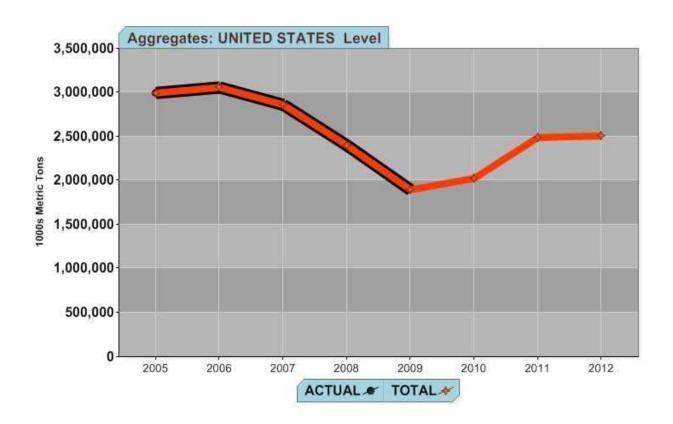
DCG, Inc. Aggregates Forecast



The chart shows the DCG, Inc. forecast of total U.S. aggregates consumption for 2010-2012 from our county based on-line aggregates model. After three years of declines, we are forecasting an increase in aggregates consumption this year of 6.9% due mainly to higher nonbuilding volumes as a result of the Federal stimulus program. In addition residential volumes also increase from their very low level as the economy recovers and mortgage rates remain moderate. Nonresidential activity continues to decline this year and doesn't provide any boost to demand until well into 2011.

Since this forecast only goes out to 2012 there is very little impact from the new health care law or the impact of the ending of the stimulus program. In our longer term forecast these items do impact aggregates demand when long term interest rates move upward as a consequence of a much high debt/GDP ratio. The exact impact is uncertain as we expect major policy changes before 2015, but for now the impact is negative.

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